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Applicant : Bierman et al.  
App. No : 10/705,259  
Filed : November 10, 2003  
For : DIALYSIS CATHETER ANCHORING  
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Examiner : Marc E. Norman  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

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The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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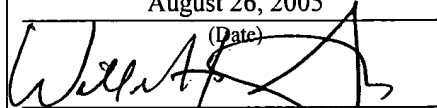
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to indicate insertions and by strikethrough to indicate deletions.

**Amendments to the claims** start on page 2.

**Remarks** start on page 6.